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IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

LOURDES DEL RIO- MIAMI, FL

PKG 2:00

The importance of a college education is also accentuated because of the opportunity to gain valuable resources during your tenure. The more connections which are collected during your college career, the more options you will have when you begin your job search. Once you have ended your job search and have started your career, however, the importance of a college education has not been exhausted. Having a college degree often provides for greater promotion opportunity. So, why should you go to college? The reasoning does not begin and end with the job aspect. A good education is beneficial from many different viewpoints, and while the importance of a college education is quite evident for many high school students, what is often not as clear is how they will pay for that education.

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3/17/10

HEALTHCARE REFORM

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

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House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer declined to say Wednesday if Democrats have enough votes to pass historic health care legislation, but hinted that they're poised to use an arcane parliamentary process to get it done. Hoyer's Republican counterpart, Rep. Eric Cantor, acknowledged that such a process is permissible under House rules. Under the procedure, a Senate-passed health bill would be "deemed" to have passed if House members voted in favor of a rule governing a separate bill with amendments to it. Cantor, R-Va., said he couldn't understand why Democrats would use such a parliamentary detour with a bill of this magnitude and reach.

3/18/10

HEALTHCARE REFORM LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:16

President Barack Obama scuttled an Asian trip in favor of last-minute lobbying at the White House on his signature issue, paying host to a procession of wavering Democrats seeking favors. The health care portions of the bill would affect nearly every American and remake one-sixth of the national economy. Beginning in 2014, most Americans would be required for the first time to purchase insurance, and face penalties if they refused. Millions of families with incomes up to \$88,000 a year would receive government help to defray their costs. Large businesses would face fines if they did not offer good-quality coverage to their workers.

IMMIGRANT MARCH

LILIANA ESCALANTE. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Tens of thousands of immigrants are making their way across the country to the nation's capital to rally Sunday on immigration reform. Organizers hope to see as many as 100,000 people. Mostly Hispanic, they include day laborers walking from Hempstead, N.Y., and Californians who sold tamales and fruit to pay for their trip. At least 700 buses are expected from 28 states. They will likely have to share attention on the same day as a possible vote in Congress on health care reform. That's one of the issues that has sidelined President Obama's campaign promise of reform and possible legalization for the estimated 12 million people in the U.S. illegally.

3/19/10

**IMMIGRATION BILL
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:35**

Sens. Charles E. Schumer and Lindsey O. Graham announced the building blocks Thursday for a new push in Congress to overhaul the nation's immigration laws, outlining a plan to require U.S. citizens and legal immigrants to obtain a new high-tech Social Security card tied to their fingerprints or other biometric identifiers and to create a system to bring in temporary workers as the U.S. economy demands. The immigration "blueprint," outlined in an opinion column posted on The Washington Post's Web site, drew an immediate vow of support from President Obama, who urged Congress "to act at the earliest possible opportunity."

**HEALTHCARE REFORM LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:11**

Slowly but steadily, support is building behind President Barack Obama's health care legislation in the House, the result of intense lobbying and politically targeted changes aimed at reassuring waverers and winning over critics. The President will talk up the sweeping overhaul in Virginia today, his fourth outside-the-Beltway event in two weeks as he scrambles to rally public support behind the bill, ahead of a possible House vote this weekend. As Democrats become more confident about the upcoming House vote on health care, President Barack Obama will again be talking up the overhaul plan today in Virginia. On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, congressional leaders are focusing on rank-and-file democrats who remain undecided.

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**HEALTHCARE REFORM
LOURDES MELUZA-WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:40**

A transformative health care bill is headed to President Barack Obama for his signature as Congress takes the final steps in Democrats' improbable and history-making push for near-universal medical coverage. On the cusp of succeeding where numerous past congresses and administrations have failed, jubilant House Democrats voted 219-212 late Sunday to send legislation to Obama that would extend coverage to 32 million uninsured Americans, reduce deficits and ban insurance company practices such as

denying coverage to people with pre-existing medical conditions. Obama will travel outside Washington on Thursday as he now turns to seeing a companion bill through the Senate and selling the health care overhaul's benefits on behalf of House lawmakers who cast risky votes. It is most likely that he will sign the bill on Tuesday, but the plans are not yet final, said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss as-yet unannounced strategy.

HEALTHCARE REFORM BENEFITS
LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CA
PKG 1:58

No more worrying about lifetime limits on health coverage, about whether your insurer will dump you when you get sick, or about whether your adult child will be booted off your plan when he turns 18. Kids will be able to stay on their parents' plans until they're 26 if they want and new insurance policies will have to cover certain preventive-care measures with no out-of-pocket cost to the consumer. These are some of the changes that will kick in this year as part of the landmark health-overhaul legislation the U.S. Congress passed on Sunday. Insurers also will be barred from denying coverage based on people's pre-existing health conditions for the first time, but children receive this benefit before adults. The ban on excluding kids because of illness takes effect six months after passage, but the full adult measure doesn't kick in until 2014. In the meantime, adults with pre-existing conditions who've been uninsured for at least six months can enroll in a temporary high-risk pool and receive subsidized premiums, starting three months after the bill's passage.

IMMIGRATION REFORM
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ-WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:37

Frustrated with the lack of action to overhaul the country's immigration system, tens of thousands of demonstrators rallied on the National Mall and marched through the streets of the capital Sunday, waving American flags and holding homemade signs in English and Spanish. Supporters traveled from around the country in hopes the rally would re-energize Congress to take up the volatile issue. Some lawmakers oppose any attempt to help an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants become U.S. citizens while others insist on stronger border controls first. President Barack Obama, who promised to make overhauling the immigration system a top priority in his first year, sought to reassure those at the rally with a video message presented on giant screens at the National Mall. The president said he was committed to working with Congress this year on a comprehensive bill to fix a broken immigration system. Obama said problems include families being torn apart, employers gaming the system and police officers struggling to keep communities safe.

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HEALTHCARE REFORM
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:15

President Barack Obama has signed the \$938 billion health care overhaul that guarantees coverage for 32 million uninsured Americans and represents the biggest accomplishment of his presidency. The new law will be the main issue in this fall's

midterm elections. Obama signed the bill at an elaborate ceremony Tuesday in the East Room of the White House, to be followed by an even larger celebration at an Interior Department auditorium.

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**HEALTHCARE REFORM LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:29**

While the White House celebrated the signing of the landmark health care reform bill, Republicans continued their efforts to thwart it. Today, Republican senators will continue to try and raise challenges to a House bill that seeks to "fix" elements of the bill President Obama signed into law. And more than a dozen states filed suit seeking to block implementation of the new law, though many legal experts believe there is little chance they will succeed since federal laws generally supersede state laws. The Department of Justice added that it would "vigorously defend the constitutionality of the health care reform statute.

**IMMIGRATION RALLY IMPACT
JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:51**

The Full Rights for Immigrants Coalition will hold a press conference to inform the community at large about actual achievement and successes of the historic Full Rights For Immigrants march and rally in Washington D.C. The historic march on Washington was celebrated on March 21st by over 200,000 men, women, and children from all over the country, and from all walks of life, who answered the call to congregate on the nation's capital and re-ignite the struggle to win comprehensive immigration reform during this congressional session.

3/25/10

**HEALTHCARE LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:33**

The reactions to the violence against some democrats for voting for the bill. The bill containing fixes to the new health care law has hit some snags in the Senate, House Democratic leaders say they are ready to finish work on the bill as soon as they get it back. The changes approved by the Senate include an expansion of subsidies to make insurance more affordable and more state aid for the Medicaid program for the poor.

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03/26/2010

**CENSUS 2010
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

PKG 1:53

most undergrads weren't even teens last time around. But for a variety of reasons, college students present a challenge to the Census Bureau. For one thing, the timing is terrible. Many students take off for spring break in March, just as the Census campaign gears up. By the time enumerators follow up with non-responders in May, some students may be gone for the summer. For another, the purpose is to count people based on where they live April 1, and for most traditional undergraduates, that will be a campus address. But some students, and parents, assume they are supposed to be counted in their hometowns. And some international students may mistakenly think they aren't supposed to complete the form at all.

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3/31/10

SUPREME COURT IMMIGRATION

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The Supreme Court says when immigrants are deciding whether to plead guilty to a crime, they need to be told by their lawyers whether the plea could lead to their deportation. The court says it's a constitutional right -- part of the Sixth Amendment guarantee of "effective assistance of counsel." Justice John Paul Stevens, who wrote the opinion, pointed to the "severity of deportation" -- comparing it to "banishment or exile." More than 20 states already require some degree of notification -- but today's ruling puts a new burden on lawyers to advise immigrant clients about the consequences of a guilty plea.